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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNICEF, VS, PINT

SUBJ: PRG AND UNICEF ASSISTANCE

1. SUMMARY: GVN DEP PERMREP TY MET WITH MISOFFS AUGUST 13 TO DISCUSS UNICEF RELATIONS WITH PRG. TY RELATED A CONVERSATION WITH HAYWARD OF UNICEF ABOUT RECENT CONTACTS BETWEEN UNICEF AND PRG AND ABOUT POSSIBLE MODALITIES FOR PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PRG CONTROLLED AREAS. ALTHOUGH NOT OBJECTING TO SUCH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, HE SAID GVN CONCERNED THAT UNICEF MIGHT IN FUTURE DEAL DIRECTLY WITH PRG. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB TY TOLD MISOFFS THAT HAYWARD GAVE ACCOUNT OF HANOI MEETING BETWEEN SANDBERG AND BEAUMONT (UNICEF) AND NGUYEN VAN TIN (PRG) IN EARLY JULY. TIN ASKED THAT UNICEF AID TO PRG CONTROLLED AREAS IN NORTHERN PORTION OF SVN BE SUPPLIED DIRECTLY TO PRG THROUGH THE PORT OF HAIPHONG. GIVEN THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN SUPPLYING AID TO PRG ENCLAVES FURTHER SOUTH, TIN WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE RED CROSS AS THE ADMINISTERING ORGANIZATION IN THOSE AREAS.

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3. TY SAID THAT HE DESCRIBED POSITION OF GVN TO HAYWARD

IN FOLLOWING TERMS. ON SHARING OF UNICEF AID BETWEEN GVN AND DRV: 1) THE NEED FOR AID IS LARGER IN THE SOUTH AS THE WAR HAS BEEN FOUGHT IN THE TERRITORY OF THE GVN; 2) THE ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS IS EASIER TO MAKE IN THE SOUTH BECAUSE OF UNICEF OFFICE IN SAIGON; AND, 3) UNICEF HAS ONGOING PROGRAMS IN THE SOUTH.

4. ON PROVIDING AID TO PRG CONTROLLED AREAS, TY TOLD HAYWARD THAT UNICEF SHOULD: 1) DEAL WITH GVN AS ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT TO BE SURE THAT ASSISTANCE IS IN PROPER HANDS; 2) AVOID DEALING WITH NON-SOVEREIGN POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER NOT TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS. DIRECT DEALING BETWEEN UNICEF AND PRG WOULD RISK GIVING ENCOURAGEMENT TO FURTHER PEACE AGREEMENT VIOLATIONS AND CREATE IMPROPER PRECEDENT BY TREATING PRG LIKE SOVEREIGN STATE WHEN IN FACT IT IS ONLY A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.

5. TY WAS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT PROSPECT OF UNICEF AID BEING CHanneled DIRECTLY THROUGH HAIPHONG TO PRG AND ABOUT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN UNICEF AND PRG, AS PRG COULD LATER USE THIS ARRANGEMENT FOR PROPAGANDA AND POLITICAL PURPOSES. HE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION WOULD LATER BE CITED BY PRG AS EQUIVALENT TO RECOGNITION OF ITS LEGITIMACY. MISOFFS PROVIDED TY WITH LABOUISSSE MEMO OF JULY 25 TO UNICEF BOARD AND AGREED TO MAKE FULL REPORT OF CONVERSATION TO DEPARTMENT AND AMEMBASSY SAIGON.  
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